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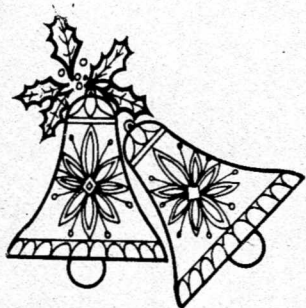
# NEWS



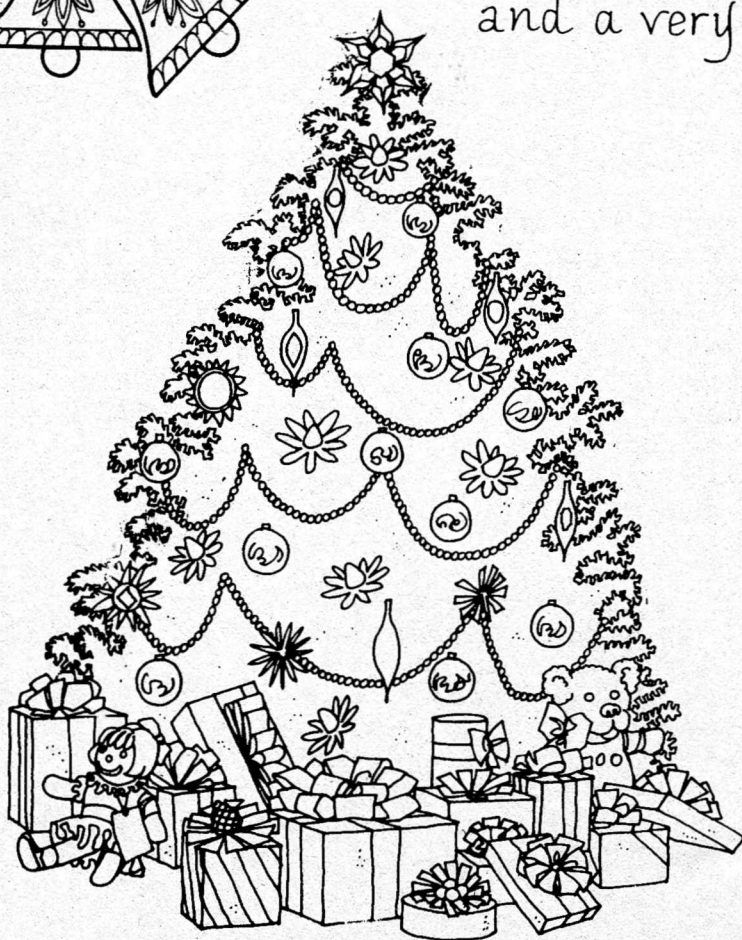
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## THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

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To wish you the Merriest Christmas ever  
and a very Happy New Year



from the

## PRESIDENT'S DESK

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of the officers of TEC and all the members of The Elongated Collectors. I hope your stockings were filled with many nice gifts. May this coming New Year, 1979 be healthy and wealthy and full of happiness to all.

I want to thank all those that have sent me articles for this past issue. With the holiday seasons on, people seem to forget that we still need articles for the TEC NEWS. My faithful ones never let me down, but keep sending me articles and this was greatly appreciated by me. Remember folks without articles, there would be no TEC News. So if you find a few minutes, why not write that article you have been meaning to write. That goes for the new members too.

If you have a good story about elongated coins, or how and why you got interested in collecting elongated coins, why not write and tell us about it. Remember an article of 250 words or more will earn you one special serial numbered elongated coin. Only those sending in an article will receive this coin. All left over coins will be destroyed at the end of the year. Lloyd E. Wagaman again will donate and make the 1979 TEC NEWS Coin. Once the new 1979 pennies are out, Lloyd will then roll the coins out. When they are ready we will send them out for each issue.

If you have a new issue of an elongated coin and want to sell the coin to the members, why not let me know about it. Send me the coin so I can write about it and let me know the price of the coin. In the past few years we have had some very nice coins made. A few of the rollers have a price list they mail out to their customers.

I have already sent in an application to the A.N.A. for a room for our annual meeting which this year will be held from July 29, to August 3, 1979 in St. Louis, Missouri. When the schedule is ready the A.N.A. will let us know the day, time and the room we will have for our annual meeting.

This year is election year and we need a new slate of officers for TEC for the coming two years. TEC needs good hard workers and those that have the time to give to TEC. It also should be stated that a person must be a letter writer to answer business letters at once. The job of the President is a big job and lot of times must be put in for TEC. Also the job of Secretary is a lot of letter writing to do, sometimes with out let up. Theres dues to take care of, cards to be sent out, records to keep, badges to sell and mail out all the time. So if you don't have the time, stop and think before you accept these jobs, as there is a lot of work to some of the jobs. None of these jobs should be taken lightly. Even the treasurer has enough to do as all records must be kept up and all bills paid on time. One thing the check to be paid for the TEC NEWS printing must be paid at once, or this could hold up the TEC NEWS from being mailed out on time. Remember, no check to pay for printing the TEC NEWS, then no TEC NEWS. So a good treasurer has to be on the ball at all times too.

The nominations are open for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Board members. A past President is automatically a member of the Board and can't be replaced.

As I've been in and out of the hospital since August, I want to thank all my good friends for all the letters and beautiful get well cards I've received from all the TEC members. At times these cards

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*from the***PRESIDENT'S DESK**

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and letters made my day. I also want to thank those TEC members who have been sending me the owl gifts. Honest some of these owls are really beautiful and I wouldn't trade any of them for all the money in the world, no matter what. Just a couple of days ago I received an owl painting already in a frame from a member who had painted it. Cant thank you all enough as I'm so proud of each and every one I have received. I can truthfully say I haven't missed a week, where someone hasn't sent me an owl. Most will tell me we were traveling and saw this owl, so we bought it for you. So help me I do have a very beautiful collection of owls and I owe this to the TEC members.

Will the person who gave me an owl medal, please let me know who they are. I'd like to thank you for it, as it means a lot to me. In the case it said to send it to me. Forgive me for forgetting who gave the medal to me, but I had lots on my mind in Texas. I have no idea who handed it to me and I would like to know. I would appreciate hearing from this person. It was a 1978 medal and I know few will have one of these as these were made special.

Again folks, thank you all for the help given me during the year and may the year 1979 be even a better year. So a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Al and myself. God Bless you all.

Sally Kirka, President

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## **ELECTION NOTES**

It is time to elect a new slate of officers for the next two years. The offices that are open are for President, Vice President Secretary, Treasurer and three Board of Directors.

These jobs are not to be taken lightly as theres work that has to be done. All nominations shall be in writing and sent in by March 31st, 1979 to the secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Nominations may be made by members in good standing at the time of submitting the nomination. No member may nominate themselves. The secretary shall promptly write to each nominee notifying them of such nomination and requesting a written acceptance or a refusal thereof. No nominee may accept a nomination for more than one elective office in anyone election.

The secretary shall list the nominations in the July issue and those that have accepted a nomination will write a short biography to include a record of his services to the Society and to numismatics in general.

The ballots will be mailed out with the July issue. So when you get your ballot, check your list and return it at once. This will be appreciated very much.

Before accepting your nomination stop and think, are you taking it in name only. A club needs workers to keep a club going. Also not all good friends make good officers.

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WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS FEB. 12th - ARTICLES FEB.14th

## OFFICERS OF THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

## NOTICE!

## ALL ADVERTISERS

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

## DEADLINE NOTICE

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## TEC MEMBER EDWIN BORGOLTE PASSES AWAY

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

It is with deep sadness that I write this article as I just read in Coin World of the recent death of one of our TEC member #200, Mr. Edwin C. Borgolte of Sepulveda, California. It seems only yesterday that we sat with Mr. Borgolte and his wife Peg (another of our TEC members) in the hotel lobby of the Astro Village Hotel in Houston, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Borgolte sat with us almost every day and it was an enjoyable visit to listen to their many adventures of their travels to different parts of the world and of their interest in numismatics.

So as I read the name Borgolte in the Coin World passing away I told Al, it just can't be. When I turned to page three and read the sad story, I knew it was true as Mr. Borgolte had passed away on September 28, 1978 of a heart attack.

Edwin and Peg Borgolte have both been very active in the A.N.A. and Mr. Borgolte was the chairman of the 1975 A.N.A. Convention in Los Angeles. It was such a good year there that we were asking Peg, when would they run another convention there again. Mr. Borgolte won the A.N.A. Good Fellow Award for his work at the Los Angeles A.N.A. convention.

One of his greatest claims to fame was the role he played as a United States Navy Officer in World War II. He was the chief pilot for Admiral Chester Nimitz during the Pacific conflict. Ed had planned to write a book about his experiences and had enlisted interest from a Hollywood film maker in a movie based on the book.

Besides his wife Mrs. Peg Borgolte, he also left a son, Edwin C. Borgolte, Jr. and a daughter Mrs. Sandra Lee Hulsey.

The officers and members express their deepest sympathy to his family. Anyone wishing to send a card or letter may do so by writing to Mrs. Edwin (Peg) Borgolte, P.O. Box 2377, Sepulveda, California 91343.

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## 1978 Convention Badges

1978 Houston TEC Convention badges are now available from the secretary to those who placed their order for the badges in advance. The cost of the 1978 TEC badges are \$3.30 each. Send to secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Also available for a cost of \$2.30 each are TEC convention badges from the years 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1975.

If you want a 1979 St. Louis TEC Convention badge, you may order it now but do not send payment for it at this time. We will again this year roll only as many badges as we have advance orders for. DEADLINE FOR ORDERING 1979 BADGES - - APRIL 1, 1979.

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ORDER YOUR 1979 TEC BADGES NOW!

## MY FRIEND JERRY BATES

by Grace Morrison TEC #312  
Youngstown, Ohio

I was greatly saddened when I received the TEC NEWS and read of my friend Jerry's death. I have corresponded with him for a number of years. I was interested in the Ration Tokens of the Great Depression, so wrote to him and joined the Ration Token Club. He had helped me in building my collection of O.P.A. tokens etc. I bought my tokens, ration books, gas stamps, sugar stamps, from him and they were all in unused condition. Later when I decided to sell, he sold them for me and I received a very good price for them. He was also the person who introduced me to TEC and I sent him my dues and the application for membership to TEC. He worked hard for any organization he was interested in. He was a man you could trust and knew he would do right by you. I knew he had a serious heart attack, but I thought he was coming along OK, as one of the last letters I received from him, he was going to a coin show. Jerry and some of his friends also saved Sugar Sacs (the kind restaurants get sugar in) and I would send him some when I found some I thought he would like. I had a letter written to him with about two dozen Sugar Sacs in it, to send to him when I read of his death.

When I was robbed he sent me two of his lucky cents and the set of elongated coins he had made for their 25th wedding anniversary. These are beautiful and I'll prize them very much.

I considered Jerry a very special friend. He was a person you could ask his advice and he would gladly answer you and you knew you received an honest answer. He was never too busy, that he wouldn't take the time to write to you. I will miss his letters very much. My sympathy goes to his family. He will be missed very much by his many friends.

## A REQUEST BRINGS MEMORIES

by Joe Rakaskas TEC #64  
Patterson, N.J.

One evening I received a phone call from a friend asking if I had any extra elongated coins of Michelangelo's "Pieta". I told him I did not know, but would check and call him in a few days. I was curious regarding his request, because I had tried many times to interest him in collecting elongated coins.

In checking my list of duplicate elongated coins, I found that I had a few duplicates of the "Pieta" coin. I called my friend and told him he could have one, which made him very happy. During our conversation I asked him why the sudden interest in elongated coins? He told me it was for his wife, who collects memento's pertaining to the Vatican.

The "Pieta" coin brought back memories of the many times I had visited the World's Fair of 1964-1965 and the many hours of pleasure I had visiting the different exhibitions.

I remember visiting the Vatican Pavillion and its many exhibits. I spent quite a bit of time viewing the Coin and Medal exhibits, including Vatican Coins and Medals and official Medals of the Presidents of the United States. I also viewed the Vatican Stamp display including a collection of stamps commemorating the religions of the World. The most vivid memory is my viewing of the "Michelangelo's Pieta". The sight of the sorrowful Mother holding the body of Christ at the foot of the Cross, in a setting by Jo. Mielziner, was an awe inspiring experience for me.

My personal thinking is, that anyone who visited the Vatican Pavillion and went to view the Michelangelo's Pieta would have to admit that it is a most beautiful piece of sculpture.



## 1978 TEC NEWS COIN



All the 1978 TEC NEWS Coins have now been mailed out. The last were from #62 to 86. These TEC NEWS Coins were earned by the TEC members and I want to thank you kindly for the articles you all wrote. It has been a great help to me and greatly appreciated by me.

When you read this in TEC NEWS you'll see my old faithful members who keep sending in the articles so the TEC NEWS can have interesting reading. In this issue we have some good articles so I hope you enjoy them as I know I did as I typed them up.

Lloyd Wagaman again will make and donate the 1979 TEC NEWS Coins. Remember Lloyd will wait until the 1979 pennies are out before he makes them. So it will be about April when they will be made. So after I receive them I'll send them out to those first few who have an article in this issue.

No articles will be returned. Articles should be written so they can be read, or so I can make out the writing, if not I'll file it in file 13. Articles will be rejected if aimed to hurt anyone in any way and I'll stick to that policy. So be kind and just write about elongated coins and keep us all happy. After all no one is perfect. Articles should be about elongated coins or something to do with elongated coins. If you want better articles, why not sit down and write that article you have been meaning to write. You can bet it will be appreciated by me.

Below is the list of names that have earned the TEC NEWS Coins for articles in the October 1978 issue.

62 - From the President's Desk - - - - -	Sally Kirka	#16
63 - Treasurer's Report - - - - -	Chester Grabowski	#512
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65 - Minutes of the Annual TEC Meeting - - - - -	Al Kirka	#450
66 - TEC NEWS Coin - 1978 - - - - -	Sally Kirka	#16
67 - Took TEC NEWS to Coin Meeting - - - - -	Grace Morrison	#312
68 - Seventh Design brings Santa to N.J. again - -	Jack Wilcox	#332
69 - Ideas for Elongated Coins - - - - -	Sally Kirka	#16
70 - My first P.N. Cover - - - - -	Barbara Izzo	#662
71 - "TEC" Introduction - - - - -	Irving R. Canter	#753
72 - To take a Nap or not - - - - -	Al Kirka	#450
73 - Where are the other Two Pittsburgh Coins -	Richard Gaetano	#706
74 - Notes of Interest - - - - -	Sally Kirka	#16
75 - In Memory of Sylvia Odesser - - - - -	Sally Kirka	#16
76 - Help - - - - -	David Yamarino	#747
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78 - Discourse on American Flag - - - - -	Irving Canter	#753
79 - Editors Note - - - - -	Sally Kirka	#16
80 - Henry Ford and his Car - - - - -	Ruby Threlkeld	#202
81 - The Government is Giving us the Bird - - - -	Peter Carmel	#712
82 - Special Thanks - - - - -	Sally Kirka	#16
83 - Chinese Astrology - - - - -	Chester Rogers	#515
84 - Question - But not the Answer - - - - -	Carl M. Goss	#632
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Release of all new issues should be sent to me. If you don't write and tell me, I can't write about them.

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

by Irving R. Canter TEC #753  
Brooklyn, New York

It's only a small bite of the big apple, but it's also one of the most religious, Boroughs in the world. There are more churches and synagogues, temples and other buildings representing various sects and other religions in the civilized world.

It's known for many places of historic interest, going back to the era of the Dutch Colonists. There are some churches, established in the 1600's and one can still see vestiges of the old grave markers in evidence to this day.

There are more schools, library buildings, museums and theatres, per capita, than any other city of it's size.

The site of a very important battle in the Revolutionary War Era, occurred in Brooklyn Height's and there is a Monument honoring the Soldier's and Sailor's who fought in that battle.

There is now, one area not properly attended. We have no Baseball Team representing us locally. (Brooklyn, that is.)

There is what the natives refer to as the "Subway", which is one of the longest underground systems of mass transit in the world. It does run partially above the ground and that's called "The El". It's electrically driven and has the most modern equipped machinery available. The art of Graffiti is in evidence on and in the cars of all the trains. Sometimes I think some of the errant artists missed their vocations, because it does appear colorful and attractive to the eye.

We have many places of interest to visit, Coney Island, with it's beaches, boardwalk and many exciting rides attracts multitudes of visitors. Brighton, Plum, Manhattan, Canarsie, Dyker Beaches are all available for swimming during the summer months. Sheepshead Bay is a famed deep sea fisherman's heaven, with many boats available for fishing excursions.

Prospect Park, is another facility open to the tourist's and there are boats for hire, in the man made lake. It also has a fair size zoo, with many varieties of animals on exhibit.

The Aquarium, located in Coney Island, is yet another attractive place to see when in Brooklyn. They usually have a show, demonstrating the dolphin's and seal's doing their acts.

We brag about our famous city skyline, which can be seen from many vantage points in the borough. We have a ferry boat ride across the bay to our sister borough, Staten Island. There is another, not quite as well publicized, the ferry to Rockaway Point, on Long Island. Contrary to some peoples belief, you don't need a passport and with Manhattan so close HEAVEN CAN WAIT.

As everyone knows there are many elongated coins made about the Big Apple. As you walk around the many places you will see the man with the rolling machine rolling out the coins right in front of you. I think New York has done her share for us elongated collectors and has been doing this for many years. Can anyone say how many elongated coins they have in their collection about New York and of the many places I have mentioned in my article.

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Don't forget the next deadline for articles is February 14th and ads, it's Feb. 12th. Snow too deep this winter to go out, then sit down and write that article that you have been meaning to write. Do it now before you forget. Articles must be about elongated coins as that's what TEC is all about. Remember you get a TEC NEWS elongated coin for writing that article.



## I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM

by Glen Tye TEC #630  
Laurence Harbor, N.J.

I have thought of several kinds of elongated coins that would be nice to collect, but have been unable to find any to be collected.

I thought I would write about them and maybe one of the rollers or maybe several will make some of the elongated coins.

I realize elongated coins that are of little subject interest are hard to sell, but I think the following would be of some interest to me and maybe to others.

The elongated coins I would like to see would be a series. It would be called, "See America First". There would be an elongated coin for each popular National Park, or all the National Parks, of which there are many. There are several elongated coins with the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge on them, but I have yet to see an elongated coin with the Varazano Narrows Bridge in New York. There also is a nice elongated coin with the Empire State Building on it, but I have yet to see a coin with the World Trade center towers on it.

By the way, how about an elongated coin with Philippe Patit walking on a tight wire strung between the twin towers of the World Trade Center. Another subject for elongated coins might be some of the inventions of Thomas A. Edison. Some of his inventions that we take for granted today are over 100 years old. There is a tower erected on the sight of Thomas Edison's original laboratory in Edison, New Jersey. This tower would make a nice subject for an elongated coin.

The House of Elongateds seems to have ceased to exist. I myself collected their airplane series, which was a nice set of elongated coins. I am sure there are many more people that miss their new issues of elongated coins and their newsletter. In my opinion the closing of the House of Elongateds was a great loss to all the elongated collectors.

I have noticed in the past few months that elongated rolling machines are coming out in the public life. I hear of rolling machines being in Hawaii, San Francisco, New York City and in New Jersey. The rolling machines in New Jersey are located at an amusement park, called Great Adventure.

I was at the Great Adventure Park recently and had some coins rolled. The amusement park has two rolling machines there and each machine rolls two different elongated coins. One coin has the Great Adventure emblem on it and that is as follows. The coin is rolled horizontally with a plain border, across the top are the words Six Flags, in the middle is a rainbow and under the rainbow is the words Great Adventure. Another coin is rolled vertically with a plain border, across the top are the words, Six Flags. Under this is the picture of a bobcat and at the bottom is the word Safari. The third coin is rolled vertically with a plain border, across the top are the words, Six Flags. Under this is a picture of a log flume ride, and on the bottom is the words Log Flume.

The last elongated coin is the Lord's Prayer. I know there are a few people in New Jersey that collect elongated coins and just may be they may be interested in knowing about these elongated coins. If anyone hears of any elongated coins of New Jersey, just let me know.

If you haven't written that article yet, why not sit down and do that now. Remember you will receive a TEC NEWS coin for just writing a 250 word article about elongated coins. You new members why not let us know, why you got interested in elongated coins. Send in now!

## CHINESE ASTROLOGY

by Chester Rogers TEC #515  
Leachville, Ark.

The Chinese believe that your character and your future were determined by the year of your birth. Whether you believe it or not here is an intriguing way to analyze yourself and your friends. 1979 is the year of the Goat.

The Goat people prefer peace to war, calm to storm and art to business. They are among the most creative members of society. Goats thrive on country living and usually prefer marriage to bachelorhood. Though they can work as hard as anyone else, they move at their own peculiar pace. Their relaxed sense of timing is often exasperating to colleagues. Goats are capricious, (carefully guided this trait can develop into healthy creativity. Misdirected, the gamboling Goat can become extremely undisciplined. Goats prefer to avoid conflict and hate to make rapid decisions, they are dreamers, inventors, and innovators. In any real emergency the Goat's ability to meet the crisis with a cool head will surprise even himself.

In romance the Goat will find to be loving and cheerful companions in people born in Monkey years. Horses, too are able to give the Goat support and constancy. A Goat could be happy married to a Cat person whose gentle nature is compatible with his own. The Pig, who is fortunate in finance and indulgent with those he loves, also makes a fine mate for the Goat.

For more information about these elongated coins, please write to Chester Rogers. See your back issues for more about these coins. Don't forget to send that stamped self addressed envelope when asking for more information to anyone.

## STILL TRYING

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662  
Carlstadt, N.J.

I'm still trying my luck making my first Philatelic Numismatic Cover, or P.N.Cover for short. I can't seem to get started, but I haven't given up yet. Maybe if I lived nearer to TEC President Sally Kirka she could give me the help I need. Maybe after the rush is over John and I can go visit Sally and Al for a day and get a few pointers from her. Also you can learn more if you see some of their work.

This fall at one of our local coin shows, I met a fine gentleman and a TEC member Joe Rakaskas. It was a pleasure to sit down and talk with him about elongated coins and many other things. Mr. Rakaskas showed me a wooden cane that he had carved out with elongated coins and names carved out on it. Something real nice to see. I enjoyed his visit and I hope we can run into him again at one of our coin shows.

On another trip John and I took recently with the senior citizens we again had everyone looking for owls as we traveled along the highway. Just as we stopped at the place where we were going to eat we saw our first owl. It was sitting in a dried up old tree on a limb. I really get a kick out of seeing these owls.

I try to get some of my friends interested in owls, so they would have an owl elongated coin made. So far no one seems to even listen, but this is still a fun hobby and I'm really enjoying collecting elongated coins.

A special thanks goes to Lloyd Wagaman for the nice TEC NEWS coins that he makes for us TEC members who send in articles for the

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## STILL TRYING

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TEC NEWS. I just received mine in the mail today. To me this is worth a lot to receive his coin. I'd also like to thank Al for sending my TEC badges. This year we have a very nice one and I think Sally said, that Bob Luchtman made them. A beautiful job well done.

Well folks, John and I want to wish all our TEC friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Specially to Sally and Al Kirka, a healthy coming New Year to both.

## 1979 A.N.A. CONVENTION

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

The American Numismatic Association will hold their convention a little earlier this coming year, so maybe some of you TEC members want to get a head start. As far as I know as of this date, the ANA convention will be held from July 29 to August 3, 1979 in St. Louis, Missouri. It will be almost a month earlier and maybe more TEC members will be able to take a few days vacation and take a trip to St. Louis.

Anyone that would like to make reservations for their hotel room can write to the Stouffer's Riverfront Towers, 200 South Fourth St., St. Louis, Missouri 63102. This will be the A.N.A. headquarters, so all meetings will be held there. The room rates are single \$38., double rooms are \$46. a day. Suites are a \$100. and up. All reservation requests must be received by July 8th to assure you a room. Even then all rooms may be reserved by that date. I have a feeling you must have an A.N.A. card to reserve a room, but I'm not sure. If you do you will have to write to the A.N.A. for these cards.

From the brochure I have the hotel is really a beautiful hotel and in one part of the hotel they have a revolving restaurant on the 30th floor. They feature a quality menu and a spectacular view of the city. Dancing there every night. They also have a Coffee Shop in the Atrium Tower which is open every day from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m.

The room rates are high this year, so some members may be looking for a cheaper hotel. Judging from what I can make out with my glass, there is a Holiday Inn Riverfront about four buildings down the street. Address unknown at this time, but I will try to get it for the next newsletter if I can. There should be more hotels near by too, at a cheaper rate, or I hope so. These hotels are near the baseball area, so I wouldn't count to much on a cheaper rate.

Also on the map it shows there is a big parking lot right in front of the Stouffers Riverfront Towers and across the street is the Busch Memorial Stadium. If I get any more information, I will put it in the next TEC NEWS. In the meantime check Coin World and the Numismatic News, or your A.N.A. Numismatist as they will give you more information about the convention.

So if you intend to go, start saving your money and come and enjoy a few days at the A.N.A. Convention and stay to enjoy the TEC meeting.

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## BUY - - TRADE - - SELL

Grace Morrison 23 Pasadena Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44507, still has a few more coins left of her coin club. Read your last issue for more information.

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Elmer Anderson of Pontiac Press, 35 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R.I. 02886 has three new issues out, Camp David Peace Summit, a 1978 Christmas coin, and Viking I lands on Mars. They are 75¢ each for the pennies and \$1.25 for the dimes, plus a stamped self-addressed envelope.

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New issues: 1. Pete Rose - 3000 hits - Cincinnati Reds. 3. Souvenir of Great Smoky Mountains Tenn. 3. Souvenir of Mans first powered flight. 4. Souvenir of Gateway to the west Missouri. 5. souvenir of American Dairy land Wisc. 6. Israel 30 years of Independence. 8. Wabash Valley Coin Club. Write to Frank Brazzell, % The Coin Cottage Corp., 224 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, Ind. 47807. Don't forget that SSAE when writing for more information.

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G.E.N.A. again had a very nice elongated coin made for the 1978 convention. Anyone wishing to buy one of these coins can do so by writing to Robert J. Dadson 409 Eighth Street, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072

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Wanted to buy. the following elongated coins, ILL-Cpie #37 American Legion, and ILL-Cpie #56 - American Colonial Village. Please write to Harold Snyder, 9070 Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49004

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FOR SALE: Many old elongated coins 1901-1945. Large selection of Century of Progress. Phil Wagner, 2220 Banbury Road., Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001.

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New issues by Pontiac Press, 35 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R.I. 02886, is the nondenominated stamp on an elongated coin. A real nice coin for your collection. I think the penny is 75¢ each, plus a SSAE. This is a must now with postage going up all the time.

A few of the P.N.C's limited issues from Pontiac Press are, Coil "A" stamp, Birth of George M. Cohan, Expo - 74, stamp show cover and energy conservation, Rockefeller Inauguration. All beautiful P.N.C's. If interested, please write to the above address for more information. Don't forget that SSAE, or you might not get an answer from the people you write to.

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George Wanzug, 4371 - 12 Mile Road, Warren, Mich., 48092 has made a beautiful new Lord's Prayer elongated coin. I do not know if he has any more elongated pennies for sale but you can write to him for more information about this coin. Don't forget that SSAE when asking anyone for information. This helps a lot to get an answer to your questions. George has added a little Cross to his Lord's Prayer elongated coin. So all you collectors out there, why not write in about this elongated coin. I know I like my coin very much.

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If you have elongated coins for sale or to trade, why not let me know about them so I can let the TEC members know about them. Some sell at coin shows, but if you sell by mail let me know.

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Hope your day leaves a smile in your heart!



## NOTES OF INTEREST

The few elongated coins given out at our TEC meeting were donated by Harold Anderson and the few other elongated coins were from what I had left over from Atlanta in 1977. Thank you Harold Anderson for these coins. Harold also donated a new camera to TEC to be used by TEC. As I just bought myself a new camera I don't have to use the camera That Harold gave. We will hold the camera and it will be used as needed.

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Also a special thanks to Barbara and John Izzo for their donation of owl jewelry for the annual TEC meeting. These gifts were used as door prizes.

Harold Anderson also donated P.N.Covers that were used as door prizes. We can't forget Dottie Dow for donating some beautiful P.N. Covers too, that were given out as door prizes. Cliff Roth also donated a few P.N.Covers for door prizes. Thanks folks as this was appreciated by me. If I left anyone out is because I either didn't know what you gave or forgot. If you remind me I'll gladly thank you in the next TEC NEWS.

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A correction is made in Mayme E. Scott's address, as it should be 413 Delaware Ave., Elkton, Md. 21921. Please correct this on your membership list.

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When changing your address, please write out the whole address, no short cuts, as I don't know what they mean. Also print or better still type out the address, so I can read it. If I can't make out your address, its no help to anyone. So please write that address clearly. If you live on a street, lane, avenue or road, please put it down, so the mailman will know where to deliver your mail.

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Steve Penzes, I hope when you read this letter that you are feeling much better. In October Steve had a 5½ hour operation on his hand. I don't understand just what was done, but part of a bone had to be taken from his hip and planted in his wrist. The last I heard Steve was coming along pretty good, but will be out of work for a couple of months or longer. A get well wish comes from the officers and members of TEC.

Anyone wanting to send Steve a get well card can do so by just writing to 9312 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich. 48209. Remember its never to late to send a card and say, I hope you are feeling better. Remember it could be you the next time.

Not only did Steve have it rough with his own operation, but while he was in the hospital he received word that his brother had passed away. So our deepest sympathy to you and your family, from all of us.

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Please do-not send me articles for the TEC NEWS taken out of some big newspaper. We can-not use someone elses article with out the newspaper owners permission. Also this takes time to find out who and where to write for this permission. At times I don't even know what newspaper the story was in. If you get written permission and an official letter from the publisher of this newspaper then I guess it would be alright. I don't feel I want to get mixed up with any big newspapers. You yourself can write about this article in your own words.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

Another of our TEC members is on the disabled list with a slight heart problem, or so he writes. He is on medical leave since last February 1978. So folks if you find the time to write a letter or a card, why not show him you care. Remember it could be you the next time. So find a few minutes and send a get well card and say, hello George, how are you and we hope your feeling better. His address is George Wanzug, 4371 - 12 Mile Road, Warren, Mich., 48092. Our prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery from all of the officers and members of TEC. Get well quick.

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A special thanks goes to all my friends who had sent me get well and letters of good cheer, while I was in the hospital and at home. Also thanks for all the nice gifts that were sent to me. Each time the postman rang the bell I received something nice. Each package had a nice surprise from all kinds of elongated coins to some very beautiful owls. I also want to thank the TEC member who had sent me two bags of pennies, so I would have enough to roll out. You should have heard the mailman what he had to say as he brought each bag of pennies to my house. I can still hear him talking to himself as to what was so heavy? As for me I jumped for joy. The funny part Al also had ordered a bag of pennies for me too as a surprise.

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If you haven't sent for the 1978 TEC badge that you have ordered please do so now. The badges are \$3.30 to the TEC members. After April 1, 1979 the TEC 1978 badges will be sold to anyone that wants to buy one of the leftovers. So please, if you had ordered a 1978 TEC badge and you haven't sent in your money, please do so now. If you had forgotten about it why not write in and ask if you had ordered one. Any member can buy more of the TEC badges of other years write secretary, Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

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Don't forget the book on elongated coins that Lee Martin and Dottie Dow are writing. I know I said this before, but those that are interested in ordering a copy, please do so before its too late.

This book will be worth waiting for and is a must for everyone. When the book is ready Lee Martin will let you know the price and when to send the money in. So send in your order and start saving your money to buy that book. You can also order as many books as you want, but hurry and order your copy now.

Remember A.A. Rosato is also writing a book. He also will let you know when the book is ready, so please don't write to him about it. You can order a copy of his book now. Both books will be different, but still about elongated coins. So order your book now if you haven't already done so. Do not send any money now as no price is given for either book.

Lee Martin's address is P.O.Box 667, Beaumont, California 92223. and the other address is A.A. Rosato, 44 Bank Street, New Milford, Connecticut 06776.

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Remember even if the snow is a foot deep we still need some articles for the TEC NEWS. So if you know a good story about elongated coins, lets hear of it. Lets keep the stories about the elongated coins, as that is what our club is all about. We do have many good articles, but don't stop there, keep them coming. If you want better articles, don't complain just write us one. Anyone that does send in an article, its appreciated by me very much. So thanks!



## THE ALAMO

by Irving R. Canter TEC #753  
Brooklyn, New York

An earlier elongated coin, honoring the Alamo, occasionally turns up on Paul Cunningham's Mail Bid sales list. Perhaps with the coming new catalogue of elongated coins, in the very near future, by Lee Martin and Dottie Dow, we newer collectors may be able to get a better outlook into the field of elongated coins and amassing a collection of elongated coins.

I'd be pleased to note, a debt of gratitude to any member who can tell me more about who rolled the Alamo "elongated coin" and when it was conceived? I'd also like to mention the fact that Mr. A. A. Rosato of New Milford, Conn. is currently busy writing his version of the Elongated Coin Bible. Congratulations to him for his efforts, because attempting such a project deserves great praise. This includes Dottie Dow and Lee Martin who also earn plaudits for their work.

The story of the Alamo is a soul stirring event which most of the people of the world are familiar with. However, since it is a vivid portrayal of bravery, heroism, patriotism, and love of our flag and country, it bears repetition, hence come my tale.

In the early 1800's at a point in Texas, shall we call Bexar (Bejar) was established a small mission. It grew slowly for years to come and soon it was changed into a small fort, called the Alamo. At about the 1830's Mexico decided to conquer the young republic of Texas. Santa Anna, a Mexican General, at the head of Legions and forces numbering nearly 5000 men, arrived at San Antonio, the Alamo located at this site was then besieged.

Texas forces under command of Travis and Bowie, tried desperately to arrange a defense. Among the defenders were Davey Crockett noted frontiersman and statesman from Tennessee. James Butler Bonham was another, though he had to borrow money so he could go to Texas and fight for her freedom. Jim Bowie was another patriot known for his prowess with the Bowie knife, was also there. In all, mostly all volunteers, they numbered between 185 and 200 defenders. The word went out, that the Alamo must not fall. Before the Texans shut themselves into the walls of the tiny fort, some 20 or 30 noncombatants sought refuge. Some of whom were Mrs. Susanah Dickerson and her infant daughter Angelina, she being the wife of the artillery Captain Dickerson.

A blood red flag, the flag of no quarter was hoisted by Santa Anna and this and an unconditional surrender order were answered by a cannon shot from the little fort. Travis' appeal for aid, went unanswered but for 32 brave men of Gonsales, who marched in, even after the fort seemed doomed for certain. The overwhelming odds of men, guns and cannon in such superior strength, did not give the Texans hope for survival. When all hope had been abandoned. all the rest of the men chose to remain and fight to death for the cause. They died fighting for a free of tyranny, Texas, for on March 6, at daybreak while the exhausted Texans slept, 3000 of Santa Anna's troops were unleashed against the Alamo, with the echoing of the dreadful, "Defuello", the no quarter bugle call of thr Mexicans.

The Texans still dazed from sleep sprang to their posts and repulsed the enemy twice. The long rifles of the fronteirsmen, the farmers and the Tennessee boys under Crockett, took a dreadful toll. The steady fire of small arms and cannon seemed like a constant thunder. Travis fell as the 3rd attack of the Mexicans succeeded in gaining a breach in the walls.

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## THE ALAMO

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The enemy now penetrated into the interior of the fortress, as the gallant defenders resisted and fought them, muzzle to muzzle, hand to hand, musket and rifle, bayonet and bowie knife.

A Mexican soldier wrote later, the Texans defended desperately every inch of the fort. Most authorities agree that Crockett died defending the post he was assigned to guard. There is however, a conflicting story that he was one of the several prisoners, who after the battle was ordered shot by Santa Anna. Bowie, who shared the command with Travis at first, only to fall ill after the siege had begun was killed on his cot fighting. There were 187 known victims among the Texans, no male defenders survived. Santa Anna ordered the bodies of the dead to be burned. Only 15 or more, who were the ones spared, were women and children, slaves and servants.

The Mexican losses were estimated at 600 to 800 men and the battle, according to General Santa Annas official report, lasted no more than one hour and a half.

Because of the sacrifice made by the heroic Texans and it's subsequent results, the Alamo has become known as the Shrine of Texas Liberty. In Austin, the Alamo Monument was erected in 1891. It was made of Texas Granite. It is surmounted by a bronze statue of a young Texan holding a long barreled muzzle loader. On the four supports are inscribed the names of the men who died in the battle of the Alamo. A point of interest in San Antonio is the East Side of Alamo Plaza, standing in the shadow of a modern skyscraper, is this low grey chapel and the crumbling ivy covered walls about the courtyard are all that remain of the Mission-Fort, in which at least 187 Americans laid down their lives, that Texas might be free.

## HOPE 1979 WILL BE LUCKY

by Harold Anderson TEC #483  
Oklawaha, Florida

As we look ahead we see that 1979 will soon be here. I hope the year 1978 has been a good year for all of our elongated collectors. There should have been some nice elongated coins made this year. If not maybe the coming year will bring out many new ones. Even Alice and I are seriously thinking of having an elongated coin made for the coming year. Haven't come up with a good idea yet, but I'm working on it.

Hope many of you had found some good elongated coins in Houston at the A.N.A. Convention. I'm sorry that Alice and I could not make it this year, but we did miss you all. We really plan on going to the convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Those that will be going to the A.N.A. Convention should start thinking of getting your hotel reservation before its to late. For more information you can write to Mrs. John Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, Mo. 63131. Ask her for a hotel card for your reservation.

I've been covering most of the coin shows in and around Florida. Somehow I don't see too many elongated coins around for sale. I somehow can't understand that, as there has been many elongated coins out in the past few years. Guess I'll keep looking and maybe one of these days I'll be lucky enough to find a rare one at my price.

Alice and I wish all the TEC members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Somehow this year we will be spending our Christmas back in Caro, Mich. We have a new son-in-law in the family this year, so we want to spend the Christmas with our children. After the first part of the year 1979, we will be back in good old sunny Florida.



## A MAN "LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED"

by George Alexander TEC #739  
Arlington, Va.

The subject of our story is one who was regarded by his family and friends as a person least likely to succeed. Fate, however, ordained otherwise for he was destined to alter the course of history.

As a youth, few had any faith in him. His mother derided him as being unjust and a delinquent. She vowed (and she kept her vow) to never, in the future to be seen in public with him. His associates described him as being ignorant, illiterate and foolhardy. Later, when he married, his step-son referred to him as "a monster".

War broke out, and he served his country as an officer and a commander of many soldiers. He found himself insulted and slandered by many of those whom he commanded. At one critical time, seventy five percent of his troops from one state deserted him within seven days. Anonymous letters were sent to congress complaining of his military incompetency. Enemy officers ridiculed him as being "myopic" and a "blunderer". His war strategy, they asserted, was so bad that it was unequalled in all military annals. As proof, they pointed out that he had lost more battles than he won. Meanwhile many miles distant, his mother was busy falsely complaining to the state legislature that he was starving her.

Years later he was elected to the highest office in the land as President of the United States. Temporarily short of funds he found it necessary to borrow travel money so he could attend his own inauguration ceremonies. At every bank he was rejected as a bad credit risk. In despair he sought a loan from the wealthiest millionaire in America, only to be turned away. Finally, a neighbor relented and loaned him the funds on the express condition that it be repaid promptly at six percent interest.

As President, he was assailed by the press. The Richmond Examiner castigated him as "a traitor". The National Gazette reported he was "ineffective" and that he was "treacherous". Across the land, a hostile press warned its readers that he was a tyrant who wanted to be King. His own vice president characterized him as "uneducated" and "unloved".

Eventually illness and death overtook him. Abruptly the voices of criticism fell silent. At once his former critics became his most vocal admirers. Honors denied him when he was living were now showered upon him. England said that he was one of the great heroes of history, and its naval fleet rendered him tribute. France ordered a week of national mourning. Across the United States, villages and cities rushed to be renamed in his honor. Newspapers acclaimed him as a saviour and elevated him to virtual sainthood. He was, they insisted, "the greatest man since Moses". But it was the common man, the farmers, the shopkeepers, the cobblers and blacksmiths (none of whom had ever lost faith in him) who best described him in simple, but majestic eloquence as "the greatest man in the world".

The name of the man in our story, a man whose portrait is reverently displayed in every school is -- GEORGE WASHINGTON!

Now how many rollers have put him on an elongated coin? You really don't see many coins with George Washington on them. It is interesting to know just how many coins there are? How about someone writing an article about the elongated coins they have of him.

## HOBBIES IN THE WINTER MONTHS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

As of this writing in the cool fall weather of November and the hot humid summer is behind us, we start thinking of projects to work on during the winter months. Anyhow thats what I start thinking of.

I was always one who could think of an idea to do for my hobbies. This year was no different. Right now, I already have three new ideas I have in mind to work on. You have to remember that out here in Connecticut, winter starts very early. We get an early frost in early September. So thats when I start thinking of what I can work on in the winter months when theres over a foot of snow all over the ground. In that kind of weather Al and I go out only if we have to. So staying home all the time can be a little boring at times. So if I keep myself busy with my hobbies, the winter months pass by quickly and I gain a few collectors items for myself.

As my "Godson" and nephew TEC #700 Roy Grabowski married my new niece Lynette Dauphin this summer I came up with a nice idea for them. As I saw the bride open up her gifts, the idea came to my mind for an elongated coin. As of this writing I already drew up a design and hopefully my engraver, who has done some outstanding work for me in the past, can do this for me. Its a little hard to get every tiny detail on a die, but I understand this. I'm very pleased with my design that I made. After I drew one design I didn't stop there as I knew I'd go to town and try to make a Philatelic Numismatic Cover with this elongated coin in it for this happy couple.

You can bet I didn't stop that night until I had my idea on an envelope. Remember I had to draw this picture on the envelope. Before Al got up the next morning I proudly showed him the P.N.C.'s I had in mind. All Al would say was wow, so I take it he liked the way I made it. I have not painted the cover yet, but you can bet it will look nice when I paint the envelopes. This is only a sample I've made so far. When that big snow storm comes this winter and its nice and warm by the fireplace, I will be busy working on covers such as these.

I'm not an expert in art, or making P.N.Covers, or either am I saying that I am. What I would like is, to get other TEC members to try their luck in making P.N.Covers with the elongated coins in them. You don't have to be an artist to try an idea on an envelope. In Houston I've seen some beautiful ideas on P.N.Covers. So this winter why don't you give it a try of making your first P.N.Covers.

Remember we will give a plaque for the best owl cover and one for other designs. I will not be in on this contest as I really want others to try their luck and see what others can do. So TEC members go to it. You can make a cover for Thanksgiving, there are many ideas you can use for Christmas. Then theres Valentines Day, Easter, Mothers Day, or for any special Day you have in mind. So give it a try folks and lets see what you can do!

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Have you written that article for the TEC NEWS yet, then why not do it now. Earn yourself a TEC NEWS coin, as thats the only way you can get one of these elongated coins. The deadline for articles is February 14th. If it comes in late it will go into the next issue. All you new members out there, lets hear from you as to how you got started on collecting elongated coins. Thanks to the members that didn't forget to help me with the articles for this issue. If they can do it folks, so can you!



## THE U.S.S. LING

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332  
North Brunswick, N.J.

A small article in the April-May New Jersey Outdoors magazine caught my eye, "Success Story, U.S.S. LING - FROM SCRAP HEAP TO HISTORIC SITE". The article explained how through the efforts of the nonprofit Submarine Memorial Association of Hackensack the submarine was saved from the scrap heap at the end of 1971, refurbished and restored at a docksite and opened to the public in July 1973. The wheels began to turn.

This interesting information inspired me to design another N.J. ship elongated coin. (See July-Aug-Sept. 1976 TEC NEWS page 9.) I realized at this date I would be five years late, but felt my effort would still be useful. So I decided to give it a try.

I sent off a letter to the Association explaining how I wished to design an elongated penny and required a photo or postcard view of the U.S.S. Ling. I enclosed rubbings of several ship elongated coins in my growing collection and stated I would donate 125 coins for their use. Some time later a reply came with brochures, a nice postcard view of the sub and two free boarding passes, "good for one tour, U.S. Submarine Ling."

Next I sat down and worked out a rough sketch actual size with the lettering U.S.S. LING - HACKENSACK, N.J. and sent it off to our good friend Bob Luchtman along with my check and the postcard view asking that he use my stamp perforation border. Bob made the die and sent me a sample elongated coin rolled on a 1976 penny stating he had trouble finding 1978 pennies and mailed them out to Nevada just as my two week vacation began. Bob's order arrived August 3rd and as always it is a grand job! Thanks again to Bob Luchtman.

The U.S.S. LING is the last of the fleet type submarines that patrolled our shores during World War II. She was built by Cramp Ship Building Company and outfitted at the Boston Navy Yard. LING was commissioned June 8, 1945, under the command of Commander G.G. Molumphy. She has always been a unit of Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. It also made one patrol of the Atlantic during World War II.

LING was decommissioned October 26, 1946 and became part of the New London Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, where she remained until reactivation as a Submarine Naval Training Vessel in 1960.

LING was stricken from the Navy Register in Dec. 1971 and donated to the Submarine Memorial Association to be preserved here in Hackensack as a memorial. Fifty two U.S. Submarines were lost in World War II. She arrived at her new berth on the Hackensack River January 13, 1973. It's located in Borg Park, Hackensack, N.J. at the intersection of Court and River Streets. Tours are conducted seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weather permitting.

Two weeks of rainy weather delayed our trip to Hackensack but Peg, our two grandsons and I finally got to tour the U.S.S. LING. I didn't use the passes for they will be kept for a future display. I donated the 125 elongated coins after the tour. We really enjoyed the tour and have great respect for the men who served aboard. My grandsons were very impressed at seeing a real submarine.

I received a nice thank you from Mr. Harry G. Gooding, Jr., Executive Director for donating the elongated coins now referred to as the USS LING PENNY. I have 75 of the USS LING pennies for sale at a \$1.00 each, plus SASE.

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## THE U.S.S. LING

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Remember, to my knowledge this is the first Submarine elongated coin. This offer is to cover my costs only, I am not a roller. My address is 310 Washington Place, No. Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

In closing I'd like to state I'm still looking for elongated coins with a canoe, iceboat, and a raft design for my home grown backyard navy. Perhaps one of our TEC rollers will oblige.

## FROM THE HISTORIAN

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
La Marque, Texas

With out the generosity and thoughtfulness of some of the members of the Elongated Collectors club, there would be no archives or history kept for the club. I started out from "scratch" more than four years ago. Up until then there were no records kept. Others were appointed for this office but for some reason they never functioned. Now we have a nice scrap book filled with records, clippings, and pictures. Quite a few viewed this book at the Houston convention. I also have many pages of The Elongated Collectors club badges special TEC coins, and coins designed, rolled or donated by the TEC members in the archives.

For elongated coins donated in Houston. I owe a special thanks to O. Wilson Morgan, Chester Rogers, Dottie Dow, Elmer Anderson, Max Schwartz, Richard Townsend and George Kesterson.

My special thanks goes to Lloyd Wagaman for making possible the TEC NEWS coins for those that write stories for the TEC NEWS and for the Merit Award coin for those earning it and some low mintage coins made special for the TEC archives. A special thanks to Bob Luchtman for the outstanding job he did on the 1978 TEC badges. To me, and I have them all, this is the most beautiful badge we have had. It has such a fine finish.

I have never charged The Elongated Collectors club for my supplies. I feel this is my contribution to the club. This club has been good to me and many of its members are special friends.

I appreciate so much the beautiful plaque I was awarded for my stories in the TEC NEWS in Houston. I never thought I had a chance to win the Literary Award. I have already sent in another story for the January- February-March 1979 issue of the TEC NEWS. Why don't you write a story for the editor? It will make her job much easier.

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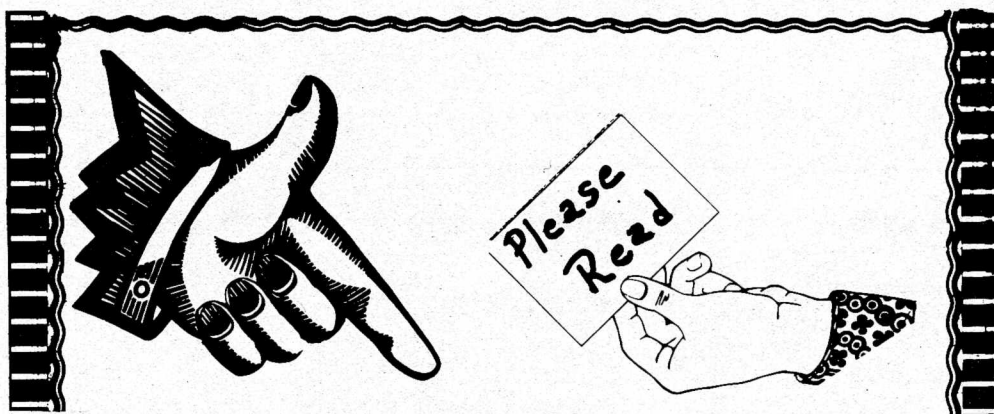
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## COINS DONATED

The free elongated coin you receive with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Dottie Dow of Phoenix, Arizona. This is one of Dottie's well known handshake elongates. As people greet her and shake her hand at the ANA conventions she will palm her coin into your hand. She is well known for this and hundreds of people shake her hand at the convention to receive her coin. Thank you kindly Dottie, from the officers and members of TEC.



With this issue of TEC NEWS you will find a dues reminder envelope for the 1979 TEC dues of \$5.00 which are due January 1, 1979. Some have already paid their dues, so if you don't find a dues envelope with this copy of TEC NEWS your dues have been paid for 1979.

If you do not receive your membership card and coin as soon as you think you should, don't become alarmed as they will both be mailed to-gether in order to save both time and postage with the next issue of TEC NEWS.

Please make your check for \$5.00 (made out to TEC) as soon as possible after receiving your reminder envelope. The by-laws call for any member not paying dues by March 31st to be dropped from the membership rolls. Do not become delinquent. It is an inconvenience for both the secretary and yourself.

WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS FEB. 12th - ARTICLES FEB. 14th

ALOHA FROM HAWAII

by Scott Lum TEC #732  
Honolulu, Hawaii

"Hi, TEC members"! I have just graduated from high school and I think it is about time I wrote an article for the TEC NEWS.

I have been collecting elongated coins for about two years now. It was in the summer of 1976 when I spotted my first elongated coin. The coin was just coming out of the chute of a shiney rolling machine down in Waikiki, Hawaii. I stopped to see what it was, and I was amazed at the way the machine took the penny, stretched it and put a design of a hula girl and Diamond Head on it. I bought a few of these elongated coins and the roller told me there were a few more rollers in the Waikiki hotel area. I rushed home with the prized elongated coins in my hands. I returned the next day with my eyes wide open looking for more rollers and their machines. I found two more.

This was the start of an exciting love story for elongated coins. Since that time I was able to find seven different designs rolled in Hawaii and I bought eight more.

I am trying to collect as many Hawaiian elongated coins as I can find, especially the older issues. My favorite Hawaiian issue is the Hawaii - Aloha State coin, which is also one of Verlee Watermans favorites (April 1978 TEC NEWS). Verlee, if you think the cent is nice you should see the dime.

I get a lot of satisfaction from collecting elongated coins, they are still inexpensive, impressive, enjoyable and a great means of conveying your messages and feelings. It brings out the designers imagination and talent. It is a masterpiece on a coin. Through the elongated hobby I have been able to meet many friendly and helpful people who helped us to expand our knowledge and enjoyment. Collecting elongated coins can really be fun! Aloha from Hawaii.

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## THEY'RE CRAZY ABOUT KEWPIES

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One of the most popular toys ever created was the Kewpie doll. The only one that I ever owned is two inches tall, is all china and has moving arms and legs. My baby sister, Betty Jane, is the proud owner of one that is six inches tall. Both of these dolls stand up. I have a few in a sitting position with hands cupped under their chin.

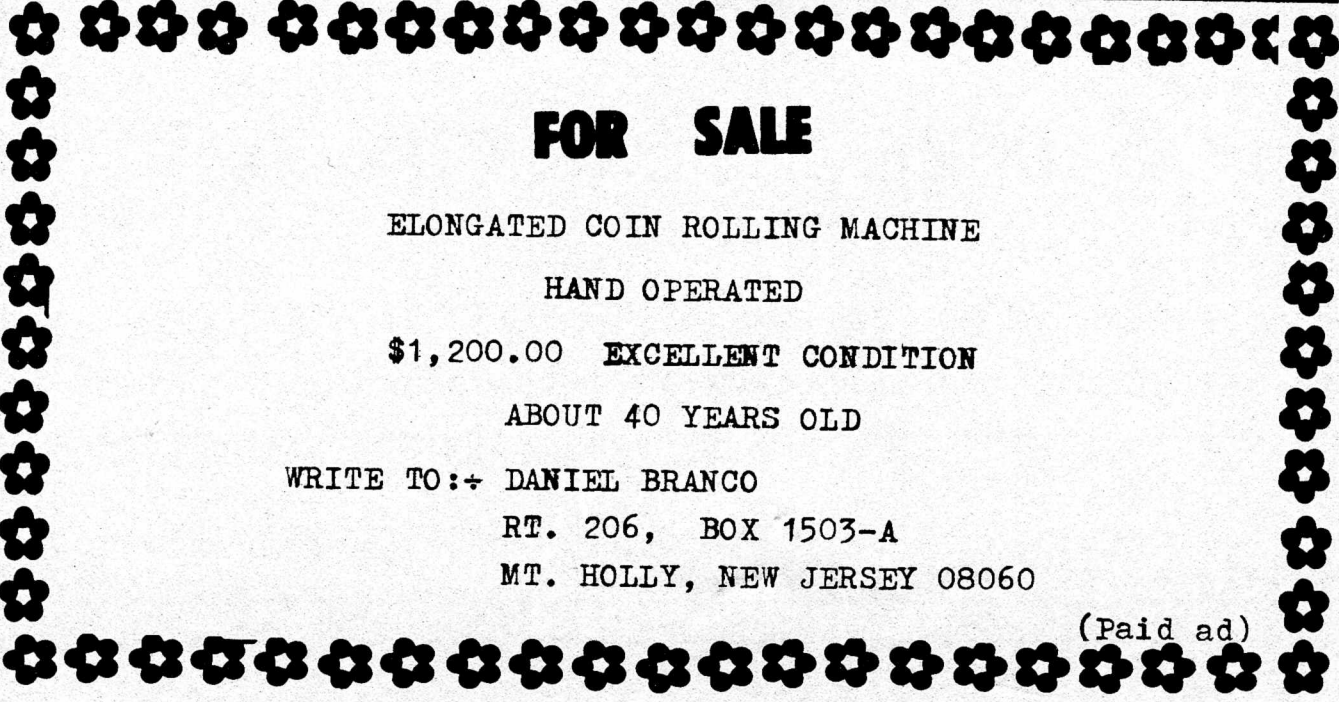
The first Kewpie doll was sculptured by Rose O'Neill in 1913. Some have said, that Kewpie doll collecting is more than just a hobby. It is a cult, a part of American folklore. Rose O'Neill fashioned her little creatures "to make you laugh while they do you some good."

The roly-poly pixie first appeared in children's stories in the Ladies Home Journal and the artist both wrote and illustrated the stories. When the children read the stories and saw the illustrated yarns, they started demanding the Kewpie dolls they could hold and play with. So the energetic Rose molded a doll about six inches tall and started a fad that swept the country. Over night more than twenty German factories, known for their fine bisque dolls, were turning out millions of Kewpie dolls in nine different sizes. Through the years gift shops have carried small sounenir figures and gift objects for adults.

In 1913, the year the doll first appeared, a four and a half inch tall version cost 25¢. Today, an authentic Kewpie doll that size would cost between \$75. and \$80. Some of the tiniest pieces, less than an inch long, are the most costly because of the limited quantities made.

Each year, a Kewpie doll convention is held in Branson, Mo., the home town of Rose O'Neill, in April. There are two museums here, housing a collection of the Kewpie dolls. These are open to the public. There is always buying, selling and trading and reunions when the collectors meet.

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